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Report for the Month of October 1958

1. The JAEIC Economic Working Group continued its series of meetings throughout the period. By month's end coordination had progressed to the point where a wind up of work on the contribution to NIE 11-2-59, The Soviet Atomic Energy Program, was assured for early November.

2. All contributions to the Raw Materials and Energy Project are expected to be completed during November. The receipt of new information has delayed and in some instances necessitated a revision of a number of contributions. The due date for the project has been extended to 30 June 1959.

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3. D/M disappointment over the drop in both quantity and timeliness of the [redacted] service for our areas of interest, has again been expressed to the [redacted] Officer. Those sections of the [redacted] Dailys in which items of economic interest are generally found, have decreased in number of pages by approximately one-third. The economic abstract cards, which are now supposedly carrying the material which is screened from the Dailys, for lack of space, are heavily backlogged and currently being received from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 months following the broadcast date.

4. FDD Service has seriously declined, particularly in the Eusats area, since the FDD reorganization this past year. JPRS work does not begin to approach the work formerly performed by FDD from a timeliness point of view. Delays of as much as 3-6 months are not unusual since analysts must now await the arrival of formal publications as opposed to informal telephone calls which were formerly made directly to interested analysts by the FDD translator in advance of the formal publication date. There has been definite improvement in the quality of some JPRS publications but, in general JPRS quality in no way approaches the level which analysts had become accustomed to receive from FDD.

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